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DECLARATION 2.

ON THE IMPORTANCE OF AVOIDING THE ISSUE OF AUTHORS' REPRINTS OR SEPARATA IN ADVANCE OF THE PUBLICATION OF THE WORK OR JOURNAL IN WHICH THE PAPER IN QUESTION IS TO BE PUBLISHED.

DECLARATION.—*Whereas* the widespread custom of issuing reprints in advance of the appearance of the original publication gives rise to much unnecessary confusion in nomenclature, be it

Resolved, That the Ninth International Zoological Congress expresses its disapproval of this custom and appeals to editors to discontinue it.

At their Session held at Monaco in 1913 during the Ninth International Congress of Zoology, the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature had under consideration the confusion in nomenclature resulting from the custom of issuing authors' reprints or separata in advance of the publication of the work or journal in which the papers in question are to be published. This question had arisen in an acute form in connection with the date of the Trematode name *Amphimerus* Barker, 1911, on which a request for an *Opinion* had been received from Dr. J. W. Stephens.¹

2. In order to deal with the general question without further delay, the International Commission decided to adopt a resolution condemning the advance issue of reprints and separata in this way and agreed "under suspension of the By-Laws if need be" to recommend the Ninth International Congress itself to approve and adopt as its own the resolution adopted by the Commission. In framing their report to the International Congress, the International Commission devoted paragraphs (53) to (56) to this subject.²

¹ See *Opinion* 59.

² The Commission attached to their resolution a further clause dealing with the wider question of the need for ensuring that every zoological work should bear on it the precise date of its issue. This supplementary clause was set out in paragraph (57) of their report to the Congress. It is not given here, because it has been thought more convenient to deal with this subject in the next following *Declaration* (*Declaration* 3).

3. Paragraphs (53) and (56) of that Report read as follows :—

(53) *Date of Authors' Reprints or Separata*.—Among the cases recently submitted to the Commission for *Opinion* is one that involves a somewhat unusual point in respect to reprints.¹ Under the present rules there is no article which permits the Commission to rule that all separata are of the same date as, or of later date than, the original publication, although such a proposal has now been submitted as an amendment to the rules and will be considered in time for the Tenth Congress.³ In the meantime, the Commission has instructed the Secretary to report the following resolutions to the Congress :

(54) *Resolved*, That the Commission, under unanimous suspension of the By-Laws if need be,⁴ recommends to the Congress the adoption of the following resolution, namely :

(55) WHEREAS the widespread custom of issuing reprints in advance of the appearance of the original publication gives rise to much unnecessary confusion in nomenclature, be it

(56) *Resolved*, That the Ninth International Zoological Congress expresses its disapproval of this custom and appeals to editors to discontinue it.

4. The Commission's report was submitted to the Section on Nomenclature, by whom the paragraphs relating to the present *Declaration* were unanimously approved. The report was subsequently submitted to the Ninth International Congress of Zoology by whom it was considered at the Concilium Plenum held at Monaco on the afternoon of 31st March 1913. It had previously been decided that discussion of particular portions of the report should be confined to the meeting of the Section on Nomenclature. Accordingly when the report was brought before the Concilium Plenum, the Congress was asked to vote on it *en bloc*. The Congress thereupon adopted and approved the whole of the report against only four dissenting votes. In the circumstances described, these dissenting votes were necessarily directed against the whole report, but in view of the fact that the paragraphs in that Commission's report containing the present *Declaration* were unanimously adopted in the Section on Nomenclature, it may be concluded that the dissenting votes were intended to refer not to the present subject but to those portions of the Commission's report on which unanimity had not been secured in the Section.

³ Owing to the war of 1914-1918 the Tenth International Congress of Zoology was not held until 1927. This subject was not, however, raised at that meeting.

⁴ The International Commission appear to have doubted whether the subject dealt with in the present *Declaration* was one on which, under the By-Laws of the Commission, they were authorised to enter. It was for the purpose of freeing themselves of any restraints which might thereby be imposed on their liberty of action that the Commission, in recommending this *Declaration* to the Congress for approval, agreed to do so "under unanimous suspension of the By-Laws, if need be". The Congress, in approving the *Declaration* recommended by the Commission, indicated thereby their approval of the procedure adopted by the Commission.

5. The present *Declaration* was concurred in by the nine (9) Commissioners ⁵ present at the Monaco Session of the International Commission, namely :—

Allen; Blanchard; Dautzenberg; Hartert; Hoyle; Jentink; Monticelli; Stejneger; and Stiles.

6. The following six (6) Commissioners were not present at the Monaco Session and did not therefore vote on the present *Declaration* :—

Apstein; Dollo; Jordan (D. S.); Ludwig; Mitchell; and Schulze.

CERTIFICATE :

I, FRANCIS HEMMING, Secretary to the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, hereby CERTIFY that the present *Declaration* has been compiled from the records of the Proceedings of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature at their Session held at Monaco in March 1913 during the Ninth International Congress of Zoology.

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10th June 1943.

⁵ There were two Alternates (Dr. K. Jordan and Hon. Walter (later Lord) Rothschild) at the Monaco Session of the International Commission, but on that occasion Alternates attended only in an advisory capacity and were not accorded full voting rights.

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